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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> June, responding to my letter of 21<sup>st</sup> May, about the Women and Equalities Select Committee's inquiry on reform of the Gender Recognition Act (GRA).

The government will be well represented at the session, with Jo Churchill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care in attendance. I have full confidence in the Minister to represent the government's position and appropriately respond to any questions you may have. We know from our research that improving healthcare is a priority for transgender people so it is important Minister Churchill is there to represent the government on this important issue. If you have additional queries following this session, I would be willing to provide further thoughts via correspondence.

I assure you that the Minister for Women and Equalities, the Minister for Women and myself remain committed to engaging constructively with your Committee and progressing the government's ambitious agenda to improve the lives of all citizens in the UK and reduce disparities wherever they lie. As part of that, I look forward to participating in the follow up session next month to your 3 inquiries into the unequal impact of COVID-19, and working closely on these important issues more broadly going forward.

Yours sincerely,

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**Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury &**  
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